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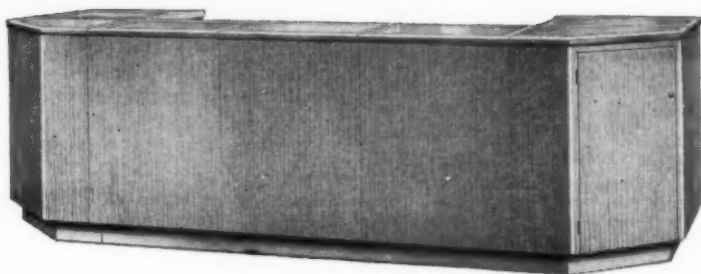
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MLA Officers Elected

Mary Love, Field Librarian in the Jackson Elementary Schools, was elected president of the Mississippi Library Association for the next two years at the association's convention held at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi on October 20-22.

Other officers elected were Jeanne Broach of the Meridian Public Library as vice-president and Sybil Hanna, Children's Librarian of the Jackson Municipal Library, as secretary-treasurer.

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Sincere Sympathy To

Mrs. T. P. Howard, Trustee of the First Regional Library, in the death of her husband.

Dorothy Hayes, Librarian of the Greenwood-Leflore Public Library, in the death of her mother.

Jameson Jones, Chairman of the Library Board of the Northeast Regional Library, in the death of his sister, Frances Gaither.



MARY LOVE

Mrs. Lumpkin Recovering

Reports concerning Mrs. Alma Lumpkin, George County Library in Lucedale, give the welcome news that she is recuperating slowly but steadily. Mrs. Lumpkin was hit by a car as she stepped down from a bus several weeks ago.



A Scene at the MLA Meeting in Biloxi

Three outstanding women at the Convention take time out to pose with John S. Richards, President of ALA and Librarian of the Seattle Public Library. Left to right, they are: Mrs. Gordon White, Chairman of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Women's Committee; Manie Berry, outgoing President of MLA; and Lura G. Currier, Director of the Mississippi Library Commission.

**COMMISSION STAFF MEMBER
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Supervisor of Group Services**

Quote, "The great need is for an awareness of the library as the outstanding adult education institution in the community." This statement opened the trustees' section meeting at the MLA Convention. This puts the library trustee in a strategic position, for his overall job is an interpretive one.

First, he interprets the library to the community. Too often, in the thinking of the community, the library is a place for children to get "easy books" to fill the in-between-school days; a place for school children to do reference work. It is this but much more. It is the center of information for every person in the community no matter what his interests; it's the public forum of the community. For not only are facts available, but the library can make it possible for interested people to come together and talk about these facts whether they be Einstein's theory of relativity or how to grow cabbages.

Secondly, the trustees' job is to interpret the community to the library. Not every librarian has the "know-how" or the inclination for good public relations. Here the trustee who is "of the people" can bring valuable information to the librarian, which if heeded and acted upon will increase the ability of the library to more adequately meet the needs of the people in the community.

Lastly, the trustees' job is to interpret to the governmental authorities. Public financial support of libraries is essential to adequate library operation. The trustee has no vested interest in the library and is in the best position to talk "money" to the proper authorities. If the library is to meet the challenge of the future, it must cease to depend upon handouts from clubs and individuals. This will come when trustees interpret to the people and in turn to the money dispensers the relative position of the library to the whole community. The library is supplementary to all educational agencies.

Trustees have a real job. Do you need help? Would you find a small edition of the University workshop in your community helpful? If so, act upon what was voiced more than once at the MLA meeting: "Lean heavily on your State Agency." Write us at the Library Commission. "Little workshops" may be available.

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MISSISSIPPI OWNED OPERATED

It's almost too good to be true that the Commission be blessed with a new field representative and a new full-time cataloger at one fell swoop. It is true though. Outfielder Robert Wood joined the MLC staff on October 10. Norma Wood (Mrs. Robert) took over the technical processes department on the same day.

Bob was pictured and pedigreed in the September issue of MLN. Norma is one of those "No pictures, please" girls, but here are a few items.

She received her library training at the University of Oklahoma. She is particularly interested in cataloging and in dogs—not that there is any connection between the two.

Norma's first position after finishing library school was as assistant librarian of Doane College, Crete, Nebraska. She has also worked as night supervisor of the loan desk at the University of Oklahoma Library; cataloger and branch librarian for the Library Association of Portland, Oregon; and Base librarian at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

The "boss lady" took advantage of being as far away as Cincinnati for a speech by getting in a gay whirl through New England and points in various directions. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Gibbons, were with her. Lura has certainly earned a vacation!

Fanny Taber, formerly administrative assistant on the Commission staff, was the house guest of Eunice Eley for several days in late November. Fanny, who as everybody knows, has considerable talent for relating tales and experiences, was in particularly good form on this occasion. Her accounts of her experiences during her solo vacation in Europe were thoroughly enjoyed by all who were lucky enough to have "an audience" with her.

It is fitting that the Commission's new station wagon should be called "Jonah." It wasn't enough that she (or maybe it should be "he" if we call it Jonah) should cause all manner of frustration to those concerned. Jonah was rammed by a cotton picking machine. That was literally the most unkindest cut of all—a sizable rip forward from tail light to front door.

Eunice Eley and Lelia B. Clark were on the Book Week program at Tougaloo on November 16. They talked to the student body on the place of the library in the community and services offered by the Library Commission, including its special adult education program.

The circulation department has a new part-time clerk. Ray Bardin, a Millsaps student, works at MLC in the afternoons.

BOOKMOBILE VISITS TO THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Brigitte Kenney

One of the more recent services of the Library Commission (in line with its program to serve state institutions) has been the bookmobile service to the Mississippi School for the Deaf. Two trips have been made so far. The first took place on September 15, when Mrs. Brigitte Kenney took the bookmobile to the school. The second trip was on November 1, with Robert Wood and Mrs. Kenney serving the children.

Only the elementary grades received books, since the high school library is adequate for the needs of the students.

Each group of children with their teacher came on the bookmobile and made their selections. There were several primary or preparatory groups. The children in these groups, who could read only very little, ranged in ages from 6 to 11.

It was a little more difficult than usual to find just the right book for each child, since there was no way to communicate with them. Some of them are able to lip-read, others wear hearing aids, but most of them talk in sign language. Pictures in the books which could be pointed out to the children, and which described what the book was all about, furnished about the only means of communicating with the children.

The children seemed to enjoy selecting their books from the bookmobile and were especially happy to see the bookmobile on its return visit. The Commission is planning to continue this service to the School for the Deaf as long as needed.

Barbara Ricketts is a welcome addition to the Commission staff. A good typist is Barbara—and a most agreeable person to have around.

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Fisk Public Library, Natchez

Another wedding on the staff of Fisk was that of Fay Lott, Circulation Librarian, to James Hamrick of Natchez, son of Mrs. Charles Moss of Laurel. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lott of Jackson. Fisk is not running a matrimonial agency. It just seems like it. Fay is continuing on the staff.

Irene Cook, formerly Irene Smith, has returned to the staff as part-time cataloger, now that her daughter is four months old.

Natchez has a new librarian—Elenora Gralow, formerly of the Lincoln County Library of Brookhaven. Elenora is living at Magnolia Inn, complete with white pillars, camellias, and, of course, magnolias.

The Mississippi Author Exhibit was borrowed from MSCW for display in the adult department during Book Week. Celebration of the week in the children's room was lively. There were two radio programs, two story hours, a marionette show—and to climax the week a film and program "A Day With the FBI," done by a local FBI agent.

First Regional Library, Hernando

An art exhibit held at Hernando brought a flood of 94 visitors within two hours on the first day. The exhibit was sponsored by the local library and the CLM. Contributors were limited to artists living in or born in DeSoto County. Mrs. Ross Robison, Art Chairman, provided a display of 75 oil paintings, water colors, pastels, and pencil sketches.

The library recently sent out questionnaires asking citizens to name 5 ways the library could make better counties of DeSoto, Tate, Panola, and Lafayette and also to name 5 ways the library could help raise per capita income of the counties.

In addition to the pleasure of using a larger, more efficient bookmobile, the staff believes that the bulletin boards used for display help boost circulation.

Tate County has re-organized Citizen's Library Movement, with Mrs. Donald Walker of Senatobia as president.

Lee County Library, Tupelo

An art exhibit sponsored by the library highlighted the fine arts of Lee County during Book Week.

The work of approximately 60 local artists was on display at the library during the entire week—paintings of all types, ceramics, etc. of both professional and amateur artists.

**Capital Area Regional Library,
Raymond**

Mary Nail left the staff on October 15 to accept a position with the Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson. Her fellow workers were sorry to lose Mary but glad that she is happy in her new work.

Two members of the staff are enjoying brand new homes. Mrs. R. W. Hinton (Annie Bess) has a new one on Kings Highway in Jackson. Mrs. Miller Dent (Frances) has a new one in Bolton.

Mrs. Henry McNair of Raymond began work with the library on November 1, to succeed Mary Nail.

Capital Area Region was represented at the MLA convention by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wicker, Annie Bess Hinton, Willie Shearer, Mrs. Grady Harris and Mrs. Roy Martin.

William Walter Wicker, Capital Area Region's Director, made this written reply to a belated request of MLN's editor for some vital statistics and a slick print:

"I am enclosing the book upon my life that you asked me for. As you will probably notice it has been very varied, school all the time.

"I do not have a picture of myself at the present time. You might find one at the local post office, but I will try to get you one by the 15th of November if I can find a camera that can take the strain."

The picture did not arrive—so you can draw your own conclusions. Here are a few vital statistics:

Born in Benton County, Mississippi. Attended grammar school and high school in Potts Camp. Graduated from Ole Miss. Served some two years in the Air Force. Worked as bookmobile librarian for the First Regional Library. While in Hernando, met his future wife, Nella, who also worked for the library. Is graduate of Louisiana State University Library School.

Northeast Regional Library, Corinth

Corinth was the scene of the November 11 meeting of librarians and other staff members of several North Mississippi libraries.

The group was welcomed by Mr. Jameson C. Jones, Chairman, Northeast Regional Library Board. Visitors were then introduced.

A How-to-do-it-yourself session and a general question and answer period were the "practical" phases of the meeting.

Elizabeth Holcomb gave a resume of the MLA meeting. Jean Hardendorff told the group about the workshop to be held at Ole Miss in December.

For those who could stay for it, a showing of the film, "Corinth, Crossroads of the South" was an added feature.

Among the guests who contributed to the meeting were Sykes Hartin and Dr. Dorothea Morse of the University. They outlined plans for extension work in library science on a graduate as well as an undergraduate level.

Lee County Library, First Regional Library, and Northeast Regional Library were represented at the meeting.

Celebration of Book Week by the library included visits from school classes, story hours for all children, and a "behind the scenes" visiting period for high school students interested in library work as a career.

**Ada Sessions Fant Memorial Library,
Macon**

Celebration of Book Week has been the major concern of Mrs. Florence Ford recently. The main feature of the celebration was a movie showing of her trip abroad by Mrs. Boswell Stevens, Chairman of the Library Board. Other activities included displays and posters patterned from *Wilson Library Bulletin*, radio spot announcements, and a library-sponsored radio program.

Gulfport Carnegie-Harrison County Library, Gulfport

"Book Week is on us with no wildly exciting event," wrote Maria Person, "but a great many classes are scheduled for library visits."

David Gillespie is the new book-mobile librarian, to replace Forrest Miller, who resigned to go to the naval base.

The library's service to hospitals, which has been in operation for a year, has been recently reorganized. Maria is excited at the prospect of being of real service with a minimum of loss. Too heavy a loss has been the trouble in the past.

The 20th Century Club had its annual children's art exhibit at the library. In spite of the crowded quarters at the library, this exhibit is welcomed because of the many visitors it brings in.

Winston County Library, Louisville

The county newspaper and the local radio station give regular publicity to the library and its activities, says Mrs. Ruby F. McGraw.

Things are busting out all over in the park where the library is located. New soil has been brought in, concrete walks have been laid, and a general beautification and face-lifting is underway.

Book Week was observed with a pleasing display of books, especially children's books.

As a Book Week present to the library, the Fortnightly Club gave a dollar shower. Money received, when added to a previous gift enabled the library to buy a new edition of the *World Book Encyclopedia*.

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Carnegie Public Library, Clarksdale

Mary Harwell Robbins, who has been employed by the library for three years, was married to J. W. Comfort of Duncan on November 27 at New Albany. Mary left the staff on November 1.

The Eighth Annual Coahoma County Arts and Crafts Exhibit opened at the library on November 7, for a period of two weeks. All types of art work are exhibited each year by residents or former residents of the county, such as paintings, sculpture, needlework, ceramics, handicrafts, etc. Approximately 1,000 people visit the exhibit each year, and they are always amazed at the wonderful talent in the community. No article is eligible to be shown in the exhibit which has been shown in a previous exhibit. Consequently, everyone knows that at each arts and crafts exhibit they will see articles displayed they have not seen before.

Much interest has been shown on the bookmobile school trips since the library prepared and distributed booklists for grades 4 through 8 to the children. Not only has circulation climbed, but the lists have stimulated interest in reading the best.

Story hour at the library has become so popular that it is hard to accommodate the large crowds. Average attendance at each session is 78. Mrs. Marguerite Graves of the library staff tells the stories.

The first meeting of the adult education discussion group for this year was held October 27 and will continue for ten meetings. Mrs. Louise Trevilion is leader of this group, with Anona Jenkins as co-leader. The subject for discussion is "Thomas Jefferson and Our Times" which is based on a series of

recordings in which Claude Rains portrays the part of Thomas Jefferson. The character of the programs is summed up in the words of the announcer at each of these recordings as "authentic in historical spirit, while imaginative in form, these programs dramatize ideas which are the enduring possession of all Americans, and all free peoples." In addition, each member of the group has been given a copy of *Life and Selected Writings of Thomas Jefferson* by Koch and Peden, which were furnished by the Mississippi Library Commission. There are 28 members in the discussion group, with an average attendance of 19.

Mr. John R. Richards, President of the American Library Association, and Mrs. Richards were guests of the library on October 17-18. They were met at the Municipal Airport in Memphis by George F. Maynard, Jr., Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, and Anona Jenkins, Librarian.

En route to Clarksdale, Mr. Richards observed the bookmobile in operation at the Lula-Rich School and visited both the Myrtle Hall Branch for Negroes and the main library later that day.

The public was invited to meet Mr. and Mrs. Richards from 4 to 5 p.m. at an informal tea at the library. They were entertained that night with a dinner given by the library trustees. The next day the Richards were taken on a tour of the area in which they saw cotton processed from the plantation fields to cotton gin, compress, oil mill, and cotton office. Mr. Richards attended Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday.

Jackson Municipal Library, Jackson

Most talked about subject at the Jackson Library is the great progress that has been made on the George Washington Carver Branch for Negroes. The new building, located at the corner of Church and Mill Streets, is more than half completed. Present plans are to move into the new library sometime in March of 1956. Vivian Romans, Carver Librarian, confesses that she is "pleased, excited, delighted and scared to death" at the thought of the new, modern facilities and the increased challenge for library service that she has. This is the second modern plant for Negro service in Jackson. Four years ago the College Park Branch opened in the College Park Auditorium Building.

A birthday party for the staff of the library took place in the staff lounge on December 9. The party was hosted by the Board of Trustees. Judge Leon Hendrick, Chairman of the Board, said that since he did not know all of the increased staff, he would like to have opportunity to meet them and also make himself known to them. Staff thanks to the Board!

Exciting times for Jackson cataloger Maxyne Grimes took place on December 5, when she sailed to Liverpool, England, on the U.S.S. United States. Two-year old Charles Grimes told the library staff that he was going to "drive a boat to Lemonpool to see my Daddy."

A new 16 mm projector with sound track is the latest acquisition of the library in the "sales gimmick" department. The plans are to use this projector with both adult and children's groups. Especially for use with children is a filmstrip projector. Children's Librarian, Sybil Hanna, had a special filmstrip program at Christmas time.

Sally Ann McLeod of Jackson, a 1955 MSCW library science major, joined the staff in the late summer as an assistant in circulation and in the children's department.

Sybil Hanna, Children's Librarian and Secretary-treasurer of MLA, took a six-weeks leave of absence for a serious operation and convalescent period. Everything is O. K. for Sybil now.

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Tombigbee Regional Library, West Point

In her capacity as state chairman of library extension for the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Esther Pippen was invited to visit several clubs in her area during November.

This report from Ida Bullen, Tombigbee's Bookmobile Librarian, on bookmobile stops at garment plants:

"The Tombigbee Regional Library's first service to any factory in the area was at the Smithville Garment Factory. Our first few months there were discouraging. Often only one patron came, and Grace Livingston Hill was her constant demand. After about six months, we suddenly began to blossom forth. Our patronage has increased to the point that we now stay there 45 minutes, and have a constant stream of people with requests. Our Hamilton Factory service is still in the embryo stage, but we hope our patrons there will soon be following the Smithville pattern. In the near future, this region hopes to add stops at the garment factories at Amory and West Point."

Esther Pippen, whose official title is "Headquarters Supervisor," serves one day a week on the bookmobile. She has recently conducted a period of instruction for the student library assistants who help in the Becker High School Library, and who serve as clerical assistants on the bookmobile at the Becker school stop. She reports enthusiasm on the part of the librarian, Mrs. Ritter, and her girls. We hope to find there some potential librarians. The Region hopes to give teacher-librarians even more specific help in the future.

Meridian Public Library, Meridian

Quite a few recent staff changes prompted Jeanne Broach to remark: "It may take us a while to know where we are around here and who is doing what, but we think it will work out fine."

Mrs. Benjamin Simmons, formerly Copiah County Librarian, joined the staff as children's librarian on November 1.

Harvey Mowrey left the staff at the end of November for a new job in Chanute, Kansas. Mrs. Kathleen Alford, who has been cataloging part-time for the past six years, succeeded Harvey as assistant and reference librarian. Mrs. Margaret Byrd, assistant to the cataloger, took over the job of cataloger.

The big news of the contract signed by the library with the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors for library service to Neshoba is told in a feature story called "Neshoba County Buys Library Service From Meridian" in the MADE IN MISSISSIPPI section of this issue.

Montgomery County Library, Winona

Quite a "face-lifting" has been going on at the library in recent weeks. The library has outgrown itself so thoroughly that it has taken a bit of doing to devise ways and means of taking care of the large number of books ordered for Book Week.

The city's aldermen presented the library with several sections of shelving, two of them low enough to fit under windows in the children's department. With a fall dress of new varnish on all shelving, the library feels very well-groomed indeed.

Evans Memorial Library, Aberdeen

November proved to be a full "Know Your Library" month for Lucille Peacock. These are just a few of the things the library did:

Lucille gave an illustrated talk before the Monroe County Home Demonstration Club Council. The grammar school teachers were guests of the library for a get-acquainted session after school. A Book Boosters Club was organized. The Aberdeen Genealogical Society held a meeting at the library. Junior High School teachers were given a "guided tour" of the library. Other clubs held library meetings, too, and the newspapers went all out to give the library publicity on several occasions.

For United Nations Day in October, the library had a special display of articles from various countries—Chinese shoes, French money, German pipe, Mexican mantilla, etc.

From all over the county have come expressions of delight with the library's weekly Read-A-Book radio program. Recent programs have featured Mrs. C. M. Kolb, who attended the International Club meeting in Europe.

Harriette Person Memorial Library, Port Gibson

The library-sponsored adult education group began its third year with an open meeting on November 8. The Rev. Stewart Smith, Pastor of the Methodist church, delivered an excellent lecture on the great dramatic poem *Job*. At the next meeting, the Rev. Dunstan Reilly of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, will lead a discussion on Shakespeare's *King Henry the Fifth*.

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Statewide Meetings

School librarians have been quite busy these fall days. Two very important statewide meetings have been on the schedule.

First, there was the school library section of MLA at Biloxi, with Susie Bull as the presiding officer. Marguerite Henry was the guest speaker.

Then on November 12, the third annual meeting of the Student Library Assistants of Mississippi was held at Central High School, Jackson. Sylvia Golman of Central High School presided. Mrs. Louise Thompson, Curator of the Mississippi Room at the University, was featured speaker. Her subject was "Mississippi Materials, A to Z."

Discussion groups were an important part of the day. Pat Smith and Katherine Bellamann led discussions on creative writing. Other groups, led by school librarians, were: Library Skits, Ellisville High School; Making the Library More Attractive, Potts Camp High School; New Books, Provine High School and Hardy Junior High School; Posters, Yazoo City High School; Publicity, Magnolia High School; Reference, Boyle High School; Regional Officers Clinic, Pascagoula High School; Vertical File, Clinton High School.

In the business session, the following officers were elected: President-Betty Lynn Jones, Hollandale High School; Vice-president-Sue Beth Collins, Durant High School; Secretary-Ann Margaret Majure, Utica High School; Treasurer-Beverly Mallett, Clarksdale High School; Reporter-Barbara Coleman, Yazoo City High School.

Approximately 300 students from 50 high schools attended the meeting.

Regional Meetings

Several regions have had meetings of student library assistants this fall.

Region I met at Shelby High School on September 24. In the election of officers at this meeting, Sue Dismuke of Clarksdale was elected president. Other officers elected were: Janice Veazey of Shelby, vice-president; Peggy Mooney of Clarksdale, secretary-treasurer; Jo Ann Horton of Clarksdale as reporter; and Ora Bizzell of Shelby as sponsor.

Officers elected by the librarians were: Stephen F. Clark of Webb, president; Mrs. A. Ramsey of Cleveland, vice-president; Mrs. Dean Callaway of Merigold, secretary-treasurer; and Josephine Frazier of Clarksdale as reporter.

The Rev. Blanton Doggett of Indianola addressed the group on the importance of books. The Rev. James F. Elliott of Shelby gave the invocation, and Stephen F. Clark presided over the general meeting.

One hundred student assistants and librarians representing 12 schools attended the meeting. Light refreshments were served at the break by the Shelby High School.

The spring meeting for this region will be held on March 5, with the West Tallahatchie High School as host. This meeting will be a library workshop, with a member of Peabody College School of Library Science serving as consultant.

Crosby High School entertained Region XIV on October 8. The host school also presented the program on bulletin boards. Officers elected were: Dora Ann Marquez, Crosby High School, president; Kareemis Ellis, Port Gibson High School, vice-president; Sarah Ann Thomas, Meadville High School, secretary; Flora Ann Rivets, Natchez High School, reporter.

Region VII met at Gulfport on October 13. Featured speaker for the occasion was Glida Bethea, Librarian of the East Forrest High School at Petal. She told of her recent trip to Europe.

President of the librarians' group is H. A. Olsen, Perkinson Junior College; vice-president, Rosalie Lindsey, Pass Christian High School; secretary-treasurer, Glyndel Parker, East Gulfport Junior High School. The assistants are headed by Gayle Watts, with Mrs. Esco Smith of Lyman as advisor.

Region VIII met at Ashland on November 18, with Mrs. J. C. Ray as host librarian. Region X met at Prentiss on October 1. Reports on these meetings are not available at present.

The Library Commission received the following letter from a subteen boy:

"Dear Librarian: Please send me a list of other books you have *not* written by Zane Grey."

More New Faces in More New Places

- Mrs. Virginia Riggs, Central High School, Jackson
- Carolyn Walker, Junior High School, Vicksburg
- Mrs. Leatrice Pridgen, Brandon High School, Brandon
- Mrs. Bessie Bryant, Bassfield High School, Bassfield
- Mrs. Robert Gentry, Collins High School, Collins
- Mrs. Sybil Steele, Magee High School, Magee
- Mrs. Word Guild, Long Beach High School, Long Beach
- Mrs. James D. Herbert, West Junior High School, Gulfport
- Martha Ann Eure, Hattiesburg
- Mrs. Geraldine Jenkins, Picayune High School, Picayune
- Hugh A. Brown, Ecu High School, Ecu
- Mrs. C. A. Lyon, Sumrall High School, Sumrall
- Mable Jordan, Central Junior High School, Biloxi

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Quote from Verlie Duncan, Librarian of the new Provine High School in Jackson:

"It is a joy in many ways to work in the John W. Provine High School Library. Being a new building, all equipment is new and clean. The fact that we are just beginning sometimes makes it hard to find just the material students need, but our personnel is understanding and sympathetic. If we cannot find a given subject, we find something else that is equally good.

"We have been in some libraries where there was not enough room to put another book on the shelves; and although we realize that our books are few, we are still thankful for room to grow.

"The library will seat 105 people and is not used as a study hall. Students come to the library only because they want to come. Approximately 2000 books have been added and another order is expected in the early spring.

"Our student library assistants are most cooperative and helpful. Many have learned to do correctly all the processes that they are expected to do in the few weeks that we have had them. They must love the library because upon every occasion the parents are in the building, they bring them to see our "workshop," proudly extolling its every feature.

"The library club is enthusiastic and members are throwing themselves into the work in a great way. A medal is being offered to those who do all the work as outlined by the awards committee. It will be one that should be worn proudly for many years.

"The library unit includes the audio-visual education department and the entire program is administered by the library staff. The "viz-ed" room will seat 135 people, is well equipped, and air cooled. Some weeks the room is in use every period."

Mrs. W. H. Greer, Librarian of Utica High School, reports a recent PTA gift of \$100.00 to purchase a Rand McNally World Atlas and other books. The library has also received several volumes of classical works from friends of the library. At their "Back to School Night," Mrs. Greer will display books she has weeded from the library stacks.

Kosciusko High School has Bernice Cox as the new librarian this session. The library has already added approximately 165 new books, and several new bookcases. Students seem very much interested in the attractive new editions of classics that have been added.

Dexter School in Walthall County has an attractive new library made from two classrooms, reports Mrs. Joe Packwood.

Mrs. W. E. Hellen, Librarian of the Calhoun High School, Laurel, and her student assistants have been happily working on the processing of a "big harvest" of new books.

C. L. A., the organization of student assistants, consists of 12 girls and 2 boys. They had an attractively decorated car in the school's Homecoming Day Parade. The chief feature of the club's entry was an enormous green cardboard book lettered in gold "Let's Read More."

Special Book Week activities included an assembly program and a tea. The program was an original playlet called "My Favorite Young People in Fiction." The faculty, both elementary and high school, were guests at a Book Harvest Tea in the library.

Mrs. H. E. Johnson of Winona has a library club with an active membership of more than 40.

The Cary PTA heard a talk on the place of the library in the school by Annabelle Koonce, State Library Supervisor.

Delta State College, Cleveland

ALA President and Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Lura Currier and Robert Wood of the Library Commission visited the library on October 18.

The library, with its recently completed addition, was headquarters for Homecoming on October 29. The staff assisted the alumni officers in receiving guests at open house from 10 a.m. until noon. Attractive exhibits were arranged by former students.

The library-sponsored discussion group is in its third year. In addition to current issues, the group is considering specific titles from the Great Books list. Present membership numbers twenty-two.

Eleanor Harkins has given lectures on the use of the library, including assignments on the card catalog and periodical indexes, to all freshmen in orientation classes.

On November 1 at the regular faculty meeting, the librarian presented the aims, objectives, plans and needs of the library to the faculty. This program was the first in a series of studies to be made by the various departments of the college.

Tougaloo College, Jackson

The Eastman Library has added Mrs. Doris Alexander, graduate of Spellman College in Atlanta, as part-time cataloger. She was formerly assistant cataloger at Texas Southern University.

Twenty-nine teachers are taking advantage of in-service training in the form of a course in books and materials for children and young people, offered each Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Hazel S. Moore received her Master's degree in library science from Atlanta University in June of this year. Assisted by Mrs. Susie Watts Jones, Librarian at Tougaloo Preparatory School, Mrs. Moore is directing a community service story hour for young children and a "Youth Around the World Hour" for subteen groups.

Book Week emphasis: Library science classes presented an original skit, "Selecting and Buying the Right Books," and a short play with elementary students as performers. Mrs. Fred Pinson of Jackson reviewed Thompson's *Not As a Stranger*. Mrs. C. C. Clark, Supervisor of Group Services, and Mrs. Eunice Eley, Administrative Assistant, made talks on the services of the Mississippi Library Commission.

Mississippi State College, State College

The new Director of Libraries at State is Forrest C. Palmer, lately from North Carolina State College Library.

Forrest received both his L.S. and M.S. in library science from George Peabody College. He has worked in the Janesville, Wisconsin, Public Library as head of the cataloging department. From 1950 until he accepted the position at Mississippi State, he was located at North Carolina State College.

In addition to membership in professional library associations, he is a member of the Serials Round Table, Pi Gamma Nu (National Social Science Honor Society), and the Torch Club (International Professional Men's Club).

Besides his thesis, Forrest has been otherwise published. He is the author of *U. S.-Vatican Relations to 1945*, which is to be included in a larger work. He collaborated on a checklist of scientific periodicals held by college libraries in North Carolina. This checklist was published by Duke University in 1955.

Forrest was voted the outstanding student in library school at Peabody in 1948-49. He was the recipient of the Chicago Tribune Medal for outstanding third-year R. O. T. C. student cadet in 1942. He served with the 85th Signal Operations Battalion 10th Army and 24th Corps in the Okinawan invasion and Korean occupation.

The Palmer family consists of Lois (Mrs. Palmer), Forrest, Jr., age 5, and Beth Elaine, age 1.

A collection of materials on Mississippi generals has been initiated. The first entry is General Alexander G. Paxton of Greenville, Commanding General of the 31st Infantry "Dixie" Division.

The English Department attended a coffee hour in the staff room on November 2 to discuss the beginning of library instruction for the freshman term papers.



FORREST PALMER

Mrs. Catherine Bealle joined the circulation department in September to replace Mrs. Marion Hall, who resigned to teach at Sunflower Junior College. Mrs. Bealle is in charge of the reserve reading room and the phonograph collection.

Mrs. Ann Vance joined the reference department in October to replace Mrs. Margaret Nation, who resigned to accept a position with the Florida State University Library. Mrs. Vance is assisting in the physical and biological reference room.

Three records in Arabic have been presented to the library by an exchange student.

University of Mississippi, University

The University was host to a conference on BOOKS AND PEOPLE, a library workshop for citizens, trustees and friends of libraries, on December 1-2, in cooperation with the Mississippi Library Commission and the Mississippi Library Association. The slogan for the meeting was "Readers are Leaders."

Questions discussed were: "Library Service, what do you have?" Mary Love, President of the Mississippi Library Association, presided. "Library Service, what do you need?" Mrs. T. P. Howard, President of CLM, presided. "How do we get needed libraries?" Mrs. T. S. Henley, Chairman of the MLA Trustee Section, presided. A summarization of the entire discussion was given by Mrs. Lura G. Currier, Director of the Mississippi Library Commission.

Members of the panel discussion that closed the meeting were: Hoyt Austin, Member of Board of Supervisors of Tate County; George F. Maynard, Jr., Chairman of the Library Board, Clarksdale; Edgar J. Stephens, Member of the Mississippi Legislature, New Albany; W. F. Turman, Member of the Mississippi Legislature, Horn Lake; Shelby C. Wilson, Member of the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County.

William Faulkner has presented a \$500 music scholarship to the University in honor of Mrs. Saxe Commins, wife of his publisher, who gave a piano concert at the University on November 21. The recipient of the fund will be determined later by audition.

Jones County AHS and Junior College, Ellisville

Shirley Beadle of DeKalb, a graduate of Millsaps College, is the new typist for the library.

The library celebrated American Education Week and Book Week with special exhibits of books, with the result that a circulation record beyond any previous one was established.

Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus

Reports of new vistas and interesting organizational work have been received from two graduates with head library positions in foreign lands. They are Ruthlyn Austin, Chambley Air Base Library, Chambley, France; and Bertha L. Wachsmann, Air Base Library, Chateauraux, France.

A memorial exhibition of the works of the late Frances Gaither was a feature of the homecoming weekend. Mrs. Gaither was an alumna of MSCW. She wrote the lyrics for "Alma Mater" and "O, Towered Clock" and also wrote "The Clock and the Fountain," fiftieth anniversary pageant which she helped produce in 1934.

MLA President Mary Love's photograph adorns the library bulletin board and was also used by the college's news bureau. Mary was a member of the first class in library science that was taught at MSCW by Virginia Robinson, Beulah Culbertson and Eleanor Harkins. She achieved a record for succeeding generations of students to pattern after.

The Great Books study group of the Columbus branch of AAUW will use the facilities of the college library. Leader will be Dr. George T. Buckley, college registrar.

Virginia Robinson was recently chosen an honorary member of the Rho chapter of Kappa Pi, national art fraternity. Her paintings are being shown this season by the Meridian Art Association at Weidman's in November; AAUW, Maryville, Mo. in December; Lauren Rogers Memorial Library and Museum, Laurel, in January; Carnegie Public Library in Clarksdale in February; and the Youth Center in Starkville in April.

Millsaps College, Jackson

On September 29, with fitting ceremony, as the college opened its sixty-fourth year, the new Millsaps-Wilson Library had its formal opening. Professor Albert Godfrey Sanders, who has served as head librarian for thirty-four years, was the star of the occasion. He made the principal address, entitled "Libraries—Past, Present, and Future," which included a resume of the academic growth of the college. It was a delight to the college's alumni and friends. Following the address and as a complete surprise to him, Millsaps College conferred upon Professor Sanders the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

The ceremonies included an academic procession, anthems, invocation, scripture reading, addresses of appreciation, "Act of Dedication," prepared by Dr. N. Bond Fleming, singing of the Alma Mater, and benediction, in addition to Dr. Sanders' address.

The new building has a capacity of 80,000 volumes and a present collection of 30,000 volumes. It will seat 225 students. The total cost, excluding books, was \$400,000. The library is named for Mrs. H. J. Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson of Hazlehurst, who gave a very substantial sum toward the building fund.

The Millsaps Room has been furnished by the W. M. Buie family. The faculty lounge is a memorial to Dr. William L. Kennon, one-time faculty member. It was provided by the Oxford-University Methodist Church, where Dr. Kennon served. The social science seminar room was provided by the Waynesboro Methodist Church. The colophons on the library pillars are gifts of the class of 1955. The desk in the librarian's office was used by Dr. A. A. Kern, an early librarian of Millsaps College. All memorial gifts will be recorded in a permanent volume to be placed in the Millsaps Room.

Dignitaries who took active part in the dedication program were Rev. Felix A. Stuphin, Rev. J. D. Wroten, Jr., Dr.

A. Boyd Campbell, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, N. R. Walley, and Rev. G. Eliot Jones.

The presence of many librarians and the numerous letters of congratulation received added to the success of the occasion.

Bethany C. Swearingen continues as associate librarian. With her on the staff are Mrs. Martha Lagrone Lang, Mrs. Frances O. Dunkin and Peggy Bennett.

The new Millsaps-Wilson Library is spacious, colorful, air-conditioned, and full of light—a background to inspire librarians, students and faculty to make the best use of their library facilities.

All Saints College, Vicksburg

According to a report from Tally Dawson, library science student, Mrs. Josephine Alexander's glowing report of her MLA contacts with celebrities Richards, Henry and Crady inspired the administration class to enjoy an enthusiastic field trip to the Vicksburg Public Library. "Miss Sherard," says Tally, "told us all about her work. We had no idea so much went on in a public library, or that its services would be so far-reaching. I thought librarians might be interested in knowing how a library convention can trickle back into our library science classes."

Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville

Mrs. Hazel Gardner, Librarian, reports that a new Mississippi Room, the addition of four library hours, and the acquisition of 400 new books, marked the beginning of the 1955-56 improved library program. Plans include special exhibits pertaining to the five counties in the junior college area.

Two new assistants, Mable Wroten and Mary Helen Greene, both of Chalysbeate, have been added to the library staff.

Research Center Library, Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg

Mr. John S. Richards, ALA President and Librarian of the Seattle Public Library, with Mrs. Richards, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Wood and Mrs. Lucy M. Alston from the Mississippi Library Commission, visited the Waterways Experiment Station on the afternoon of October 19. They had an opportunity not only to see the Research Center Library but also went on a tour of the Experiment Station, where they observed various phases of current work, including hydraulic models of Niagara Falls, the lower Mississippi River, and wave action studies.

Mrs. Billie McGuffee Levy, Head of the Catalog Department, has resigned to accept a position as cataloger in the Yale Divinity School Library while her husband is engaged in study for the JSD degree (Doctor of Science of Law) at the University.

The Waterways librarians joined the staff of the Vicksburg Public Library in entertaining Mr. and Mrs. John S. Richards and their party at dinner at the Old Southern Tea Room on October 19.

Veterans Administration Center Library, Jackson

Martha Howard and Ruth Baxter visited the new Medical School and Teaching Hospital on the occasion of its open house on October 24. They were pleased to meet medical librarian, Irene Graham, with whom they had been carrying on a telephone interlibrary loan program.

The VA Center's interlibrary loan arrangement with the Health Department for the past nine years has been most satisfactory, says Martha Howard. The splendid cooperation of Louise Williams has greatly increased their service to the professional staff.

Department of Archives and History, State of Mississippi, Jackson

Appointment of two new staff members has been announced by Director Charlotte Capers.

Carl A. Ray of Eupora has been named research and editorial assistant and also executive assistant to the director. Carl is a recent school teacher.

The other new staff member is Suzanne Peery of Jackson, a cum laude graduate of Millsaps College.

**Department of Public Welfare Library,
Jackson**

In the last issue of MLN, Jean Gunter announced that many monographs and other publications were being analyzed for authors and subjects. Eighty-three monographs have been completed. There still remains to be analyzed the bound periodicals and conference proceedings. This part of the project will be a mere listing of additional locations of articles previously filed in the social work card catalog.

There is no general index in the field of social work. This is the reason that a catalog of analytics is being developed for the agency. In many instances, the same article can be found in four or five publications. The following entry in the card catalog is an example:

Cockerill, Eleanor
New emphasis on an old concept in
medicine

IN:

Goldstine, Dora
Readings in the theory and practice
of medical social work, p. 153
Kasius, Cora, editor
Principles and techniques in social
casework, p. 361
Family Service Association of America
Casework approach to health prob-
lems, p. 8

Social casework. Vol. 30, p. 10

When Department of Welfare social workers make requests to local libraries for early issues of social work periodicals, it will be helpful to indicate the article wanted also. In this way, if the periodical requested is in circulation, another publication containing the article can be used to fill the request.

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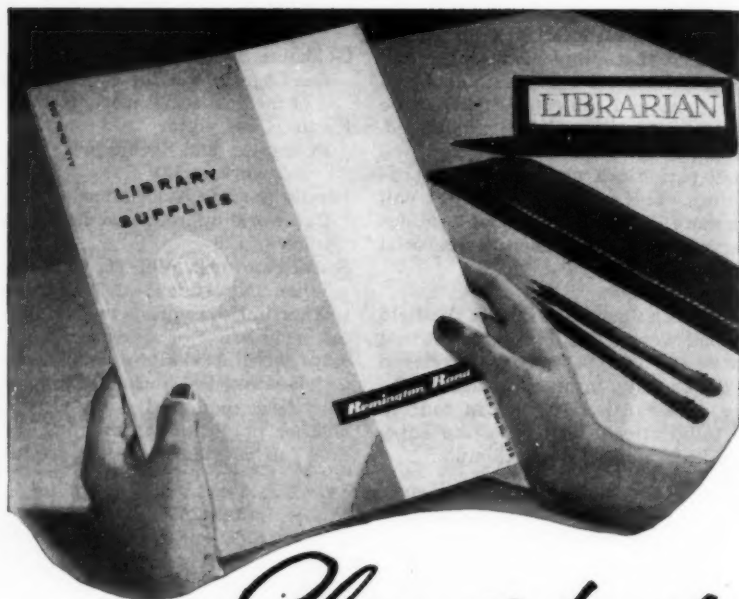
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Mr. D. K. Kelly, member of the Greenwood-Leflore Public Library Board, a leader for four years of that library's American Heritage discussion groups and an outstanding civic and business leader of Greenwood, assisted Mrs. C. C. Clark, Supervisor of Group Services, Mississippi Library Commission, with a leadership training at the Yazoo City Library. Four one-hour sessions (two nights) were held and included group discussion techniques and methods, the why of discussion, and practice in discussion. The following article gives a description of this first leadership training held under the sponsorship of the Mississippi Library Commission.

The Yazoo City Library served as a guinea pig for our first experiment under the "do-it-yourself" policy. It was a SUCCESS! Mrs. M. P. Derden, Librarian, should feel a real sense of accomplishment. Her task was made more difficult because Yazoo City did not participate in the three-year American Heritage discussion group project.

When financial aid was withdrawn from the American Heritage Project, the first big hurdle to be cleared was leadership training. At a meeting of American Heritage leaders and librarians shortly before the termination of the grant period, a few of the "veteran" leaders offered to assist in leadership training. The Yazoo City Library experiment proved that a combination of leadership theory, which the Commission has, and the leadership know-how, which the practicing leader has, is a good one.

Last spring when four Library Commission staff members visited the Yazoo City Library on their "library tours," members of the Yazoo City Library Board and the Librarian expressed an interest in a library-sponsored discussion group. The November leadership training was the first step implementing that interest. Mrs. Derden was able to recruit an excellent training group with a variety of background interests. They were: Mrs. Herman Decell, homemaker and part-time teacher; Mr. Herman Decell, lawyer; Rev. John Ash, III, minister; Mr. Mike Ellison, Protection Supervisor, Mississippi Chemical Corporation; Mrs. J. W. Palmer, teacher; Mr. Eugene Fisher, businessman, Southland Refineries; Miss Anita Derden, court recorder; Mr. W. F. Holmes, Jr., lawyer; Mrs. R. W. Crook and Mrs. Palmer, homemakers. Two members of the Library Board, Mrs. D. C. Hull and Mrs. Gilruth Darrington, served as "coffee break" hostesses for the two evening sessions.

The Yazoo City Library has a heritage of discussion groups. While they may be new to the present generation, they are not a new venture for the library itself. Minutes of library board meetings dating back to the organization of the library in 1838 are preserved by the library and show that debates were held regularly in the library as a part of its program of culture and education. Significantly enough, people then, as they are in our current discussion groups, were interested in constitutional government, national, international, and social problems. Listed here are a few of the debate subjects of 1838 and 1839:

"Was the United States Bank both constitutional and expedient?"

"Is the admission of Texas in the Union constitutional?"

"Was the career of Napoleon in its consequences a benefit to his country?"

"Which will best sustain men, genius or application?" (It may be interesting or perhaps discouraging, according to status, to know that the decision was in favor of genius.)

"Has the romance of Don Quixote or Locke's Essay upon Understanding done most for the improvement of mankind?"

"Does parsimony conduce more to the increase of wealth than industry?"

The participation of the training group was so lively and the interest so keen that at the close of the training, the group organized an eight-session discussion series. Mr. Herman Decell agreed to serve as discussion group leader. The other trainees will become members of the group and additional recruiting will be done to bring the group membership up to fifteen or twenty. Congratulations to the Yazoo City Library, to Mrs. Derden, its librarian, and to the Library Board!

Plans are underway for similar leadership training at the Scott County Library, Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, Librarian and Mrs. I. W. Mann, Jr., an American Heritage leader of the Meridian Public Library, leader; and at the public libraries in Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss. Florence Freidhoff and Miss Maria Person, respectively, librarians, with Mrs. Eugenia Hudson, Olive Branch American Heritage leader, assisting.

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A new milestone has been reached in Mississippi with the establishment of the first library service contract to be set up in the state. On November 7, 1955, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County signed a contract with the Meridian Public Libraries to furnish library service to the residents of Neshoba County, in accordance with provisions set up for such a service in Mississippi library laws.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors levied a one-mill tax to pay for the service, which will establish bookmobile service throughout the county; provide for an adequate book supply; set up a large branch in Philadelphia; set up stations in other sections of the county where interest and use warrant such installations; provide for professional supervision in readers' advisory work and book selection; provide centralized cataloging and technical processing of library materials; set up special programs for adults and children; and establish an organized system of public relations. The contract, which was drawn up with the help of the Mississippi Library Commission, provides for the safeguarding of rights and property of both parties.

Additional funds have been made available from the Library Commission in the form of an establishment grant of \$5,000, and \$600 from the City of Philadelphia.

The contract provides for the establishment of a Library Advisory Board in Neshoba County to act as the representatives of the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors in carrying out the terms of the contract. The members of the Library Advisory Board are: Mrs. Walker Jones, Chairman; Mrs. Susie Nelson, Secretary; Mrs. Jodie Hamilton; Mrs. I. C. Hill; and Mrs. Henry Vance.

Miss Jeanne Broach, Librarian of the Meridian Public Libraries, will supervise the cooperative library system. Mrs. Marie Crosswell has been appointed as the branch librarian in Philadelphia.

Inasmuch as funds from Neshoba County will not become available until taxes are collected the first part of 1956, the Library Commission has set up interim bookmobile service to the Neshoba County schools, with the adults of the county invited to meet the bookmobile at the schools. Books have been made available to the Negroes of Neshoba County through a long-term loan of Library Commission books. These books were distributed through Miss Eloise Ellis, Jeanes teacher of Neshoba County.

SOME RECENT BOOKS BY MISSISSIPPI AUTHORS

Compiled by Martha Couty

- BASINSKY, EARLE.** The big steal. Dutton, 1955
A mystery story by a Vicksburg author
- BECKMAN, LUDWIG A., JR.** South Santee stories. Vantage, 1955
Children's stories by a Presbyterian minister of Ellisville, who was born in South Carolina
- BELLAMANN, KATHERINE.** Two sides of a poem. Alan Swallow, 1954
The first published book of poems by the Jackson author.
- BRADY, JUDGE TOM P.** Black Monday. Citizens Council, 1955
Discusses the Supreme Court decision on segregation
- BUTLER, PIERCE.** Laurel Hill and later; the record of a teacher.
Robert L. Crager, 1954
Laurel Hill is the author's old home near Natchez
- CAIN, CYRIL E.** Flags over Mississippi. The Author, 1955
Describes the flags of the nations which have had dominion over Mississippi
- CARTER, HODDING.** Robert E. Lee and his road of honor. Random, 1955
One of the new titles in the Landmark series for children
- CLARK, THOMAS D.** Travels in the Old South (1606-1825). University of Oklahoma Press, 1955
Dr. Clark, one of the editors of this two volume work, is a native of Winston County, and now chairman of the history department at the University of Kentucky.
- COCHRAN, LOUIS.** Hallelujah, Mississippi. Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1955
The story of a southern town between the turn of the century and World War I, by the author of ROW'S END (1954)
- DALTON, HENRY.** Hill born. Kaleidograph Press, 1955
A book of poems by a resident of Corinth
- FAULKNER, WILLIAM.** Big woods. Random, 1955
"The hunting stories . . . have been gathered together for the first time."
- GRAHAM, ALICE W.** The vows of the peacock. Doubleday, 1955
"All the drama and pageantry of the 14th century flash to life in this exciting story of Queen Isabel." The author, a native of Natchez, now lives in New Orleans.
- HIGHSAW, ROBERT B.** The government and administration of Mississippi, by Robert B. Highsaw and Charles N. Fortenberry. Crowell, 1954.
One of the American Commonwealth series studies of state government
- MALONE, DUMAS.** The story of the Declaration of Independence. Oxford, 1954
"A pictorial biography of America's testament of freedom."
- ORR, ELLEN.** Delta Decameron, compiled and edited by Ellen Orr and Evelyn Allen Hammett. Printed and bound by the Clarksdale Printing Co., 1955
A collection of stories by Mississippi authors.
- OWENS, HARRY LEE.** Transistors, theory and applications, by Abraham Coblenz and Harry Lee Owens. McGraw-Hill, 1955
Mr. Owens graduated from the Indianola High School and attended Mississippi State College
- PHILLIPS, THOMAS HAL.** The loved and the unloved. Harper, Aug., 1955
"Drama, violence and a startling climax mark this new novel" by Mr. Phillips who was born at Kossuth, Mississippi.
- SNEDEKER, CAROLINE DALE.** A triumph for Flavius. Lothrop, 1955
A fine introduction to ancient history for children. The author now lives in Bay St. Louis.

STONE, KATE. Brokenburn: the journal of Kate Stone, 1861-1868.

Louisiana State University, 1955

The author of the journal was born in Hinds County

STREET, JAMES. The Revolutionary War. Dial, 1954

Goodbye, my lady. Lippincott, 1954

STREET, JAMES, JR. James Street's South. Doubleday, 1955

Writings by James Street drawn largely from *Holiday* and *Saturday Evening Post*, compiled by his son.

TYLER, DR. W. C. The challenge of Christian parenthood, by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler. Broadman, 1955

Dr. Tyler, originally from Picayune, is now head of the Bible department at Blue Mountain College. Mrs. Tyler is from Laurel.

WELTY, EUDORA. The bride of Innisfallen. Harcourt, 1955

A collection of short stories by a Jackson author

WILLIAMS, MILLER. Letters to the editor. Pageant, 1955

Third volume of verse by a science teacher at All Saints Episcopal Junior College at Vicksburg. The author is a native of Arkansas.

WILLIAMS, TENNESSEE. One arm, and other stories. New Directions, 1954

Trade edition of a collection published in a limited edition in 1948

WILLIAMS, TENNESSEE. Poems, early and late. New Directions, Nov., 1955

His first volume of verse.

WINSTON, ANN CAULFIELD. A sampler by a Mississippi school teacher. Exposition, 1954

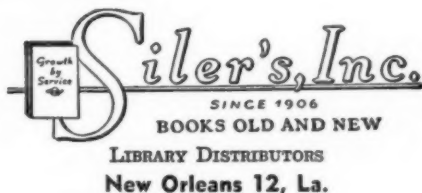
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AN INFORMAL ACCOUNT OF THE RICHARDS' VISIT TO MISSISSIPPI

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Anona Jenkins met the Richards in Memphis on Monday, October 17, and acted as hostess until the party left Clarksdale about noon Tuesday, to be given the "Mississippi treatment" by Lura Currier and Bob Wood. Anona tells about their visit in Clarksdale in the news report from the library.)

After lunching at the Clarksdale Rotary Club on Tuesday the 18th, we left in our battered station wagon for Cleveland, where we stopped at the Delta State College. Eleanor Harkins and her staff showed us around their newly remodeled library and then took us over to meet the president of the college. The president's wife and the librarian took us to the Cleveland Country Club for pie and coffee.

Our party then took off for Greenwood where Librarian Dorothy Hayes and her board of trustees were waiting to show us around their newly remodeled quarters. They also served light refreshments (by this time we sloshed from an overdose of coffee). We left Greenwood around 6:30 for Jackson. When we arrived in Jackson, Mrs. Currier drove the Richards around the business section and then deposited them at the Hotel Heidelberg for the night.

Wednesday morning Mr. Richards visited Millsaps College, the Library Commission, and the Jackson Municipal Library. Mrs. Richards spent the morning resting in her hotel room. Pearl Sneed of the Jackson Municipal Library entertained the Richards at lunch at the Edwards Hotel.

Following lunch, the Woods and Lucy Alston took the Richards to Vicksburg, where we were met by Mrs. Moore of the Vicksburg Library Board. We were taken on a short tour of the Waterways Experiment Station, the Old Courthouse Museum, and the National Military Monument. After a brief rest stop, at a local hotel, the library board and members of the library staffs from the Waterways Experiment Station and the Vicksburg Public Library entertained us for dinner at the Old Southern Tea Room.

About 7:30 p.m. we left for Natchez, where we had reservations at Stanton Hall. Miss Myra Virginia Smith, owner of D'Evereux, took us on a tour of Natchez and through her home. She left us at Arlington, another antebellum home, and a registered guide took us through that home and through several others — Dunleith, Hawthorne, Green Leaves, etc. The chairman of the library board in Natchez, The Rev. Louis O'V Thomas, took Mr. Richards and me to lunch at the Kiwanis Club. Following lunch, our party assembled at Stanton Hall. Elenora Gralow, Natchez librarian, and one of her staff members took the Richards in her station wagon. Lucy Alston and the Woods followed in the Wood car to Brookhaven, where a brief visit was made at the Oak Hill estate of Mrs. J. F. Vernon, Lincoln County Library trustee. The party then took off for Biloxi and the MLA meeting, arriving at the Buena Vista Hotel about 8:00 p.m.

The Richards were much impressed with Southern hospitality served Mississippi style. They had much to say about the "Mississippi treatment," and Mr. Richards stated that inasmuch as he would be ready for retirement in two or three years, he would like to come back and visit more of this most hospitable state.

We, on the other hand, were very much impressed by the Richards—who were very gracious and sincerely appreciative of our efforts and of the pains that everyone took to show them a good time in Mississippi.

LITERARY HONORS AND AWARDS
OF MISSISSIPPI AUTHORS,
1945-1955

Jacqueline Schnur, Reference Dept.,
University of Mississippi Library

During the past ten years, twenty Mississippi authors have published award-winning novels, short stories, plays, poetry, and children's books. Thirteen of them received twenty-nine significant honors and awards and twelve produced seventeen books selected by ten book clubs. Since several authors won the same award twice or two awards for one publication, their combined honors during this period reached a total of sixty-eight.

Honors were received both at home and abroad. The most outstanding of the international awards received was the Nobel Prize, which was won in 1949 by William Faulkner for his past work. The leading American honor, the Pulitzer Prize, was won in 1955 by Faulkner for *The Fable* and in the same year by Tennessee Williams for his play, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*; Williams had previously won the Pulitzer Prize in 1948 for his *Streetcar Named Desire*, and Hodding Carter received it in 1946 for his editorials in the Greenville, Mississippi *Delta Democrat-Times*. The William Dean Howells Medal, granted only once each five years by the American Academy of Arts and Letters, was received in 1950 by William Faulkner and in 1955 by Eudora Welty. William Faulkner had already been honored by the American Academy of Arts and Letters which had chosen him for membership in 1948. Eudora Welty and Tennessee Williams were similarly honored by the National Institute of Arts and Letters, becoming members in 1952.

Fellowships and grants were awarded to five authors during this ten-year period. Guggenheim Fellowships for creative writing or literary study went to Hodding Carter, Dumas Malone, Thomas Hal Phillips, Elizabeth Spencer, and Eudora Welty. Elizabeth Spencer received also a grant from the National Institute of Arts and Letters, and Hal Phillips received a Eugene F. Saxton Memorial Fellowship.

Three regional awards were won by authors claimed by Mississippi. The Ohioana Grand Medal for 1947 was presented to Ben Ames Williams (formerly of Macon, Mississippi) for his long and successful literary career climaxed by *House Divided*. The Texas Institute of Letters' Carr Collins Prize was awarded to John Avery Lomax (born in Goodman, Mississippi) for the best Texas book of 1947: *Adventures of a Ballad Collector*. Southern Authors Awards were given to Hodding Carter, in 1945, for his *Winds of Fear*, with honorable mention going to Richard Wright for *Black Boy*; to Elizabeth Spencer, in 1948, for *Fire in the Morning*; and honorable mention to Eudora Welty, in 1950, for *The Golden Apples*.

Four important drama awards were won by Tennessee Williams: the Antoinette Perry Award, in 1951, for *The Rose Tattoo*; the Donaldson Award, in 1948, for *A Streetcar Named Desire*; the Sidney Howard Memorial Award, in 1945, for *The Glass Menagerie*; and the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award, in 1945, for *The Glass Menagerie* and, in 1948, for *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

O. Henry Memorial Awards were won by William Faulkner, who received first prize in 1949 for his story "The Courtship," and by Eudora Welty, who received second prize in 1951 for her story "The Burning." Faulkner's story "An Error in Chemistry" won a prize in the Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine Contest of 1946.

Only one Mississippian was recipient of a poetry prize during this period. Katherine Bellaman, who is well known for her novels, received the prize in Swallow's New Poetry Series Contest of 1955 for her collection: *Two Sides of a Poem*.

The annual book award of the Colonial Dames of America was received by *The Story of the Declaration of Independence*, which had the text written by Dumas Malone.

Honors for picture books in the Children's Spring Festival held by the New York Herald Tribune were won by *The Stable That Strayed*, 1952; *The Journey of Josiah Talltatters*, 1953; and *The Piebald Princess*, 1954. The first two were written by Josephine Balfour Payne and illustrated by her daughter, Joan Balfour Payne. *The Piebald Princess* was Joan Balfour Payne's first book as both author and illustrator.

Several miscellaneous awards received by William Faulkner include: National Book Awards of the American Booksellers Association for the most distinguished book of fiction, received in 1951 for *Collected Stories* and in 1955 for *A Fable*; a Limited Edition's Club's Silver Jubilee Award (1929-1954), presented to Faulkner as one of the ten writers whose books seem most likely to survive as classics; and the Page One Award of the Newspaper Guild of New York, received in 1951 for his *Collected Stories*. Two continental honors were received by Faulkner in 1951: the French Legion of Honor and the Verdun Medal (city of Verdun). He was honored by the French again in 1952 when he was the guest of the French Government at the Literary Festival of Paris.

Eight books appeared on the American Library Association's annual Notable Books lists: in 1946, *Delta Wedding*, by Eudora Welty; in 1947, *House Divided*, by Ben Ames Williams; in 1948, *Intruder in the Dust*, by William Faulkner, *Folk Song, U. S. A.*, by John A. Lomax, and *Jefferson and His Time*, by Dumas Malone; in 1949, *The Golden*

Apples, by Eudora Welty; in 1950, *Collected Stories*, by Faulkner; and in 1953, *A Good Man*, by Jefferson Young.

Authors who had two or more book club selections were David Donald, James Street, and Cid Ricketts Sumner. Others with selections were Katherine Bellaman, John Brunini, William Faulkner, Frances Gaither, Dumas Malone, Joan and Josephine Balfour Payne, Tom Person, Alice Walworth Graham, and Ben Ames Williams.

Two films based upon works which had already won literary honors for their authors also received awards. *A Streetcar Named Desire* received two significant awards: the New York Film Critics' Award and a special prize at the Venice International Film Festival. *Intruder in the Dust* received the United Nations Award of the British Film Academy.

The greatest number of awards and honors, other than book club selections, were received by: William Faulkner, fifteen; Tennessee Williams, nine; Eudora Welty, seven; Hodding Carter, three; Dumas Malone, three; and Elizabeth Spencer, three. The most honors were received during 1948 and 1951.

Mississippi authors were not only recipients of awards but they were also chosen to assist in the granting of awards. Hodding Carter is currently on the Advisory Board for Pulitzer Prize Awards, Dumas Malone served in 1945 as judge for the \$1,000 prize granted by Scribner's and the Society of American Historians, and Eudora Welty was a judge for the 1949 O. Henry Memorial Award Contest.

The honors mentioned here are commonly known and information concerning them is relatively simple to locate and verify. There are surely others which might be included. One cannot even say that the list is up-to-date, for to do so would be to imply that this winning of honors is at a sudden standstill. The compilation of a complete list is a never-ending process, for Mississippi authors receive honors frequently and with little fan-fare.

Guide on Problems of Book Selection Policy and Censorship

Librarians who have long felt a need for an up-to-date, practical guide on problems of book selection policy and censorship now have the answer in a publication of the Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association.

The October, 1955, issue of *The PLD Reporter* is devoted to the proceedings of the Work Conference on Book Selection in which 233 persons participated at the recent ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, sponsored by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Public Libraries Division.

The book, available at \$2.50 from the ALA Publishing Department in Chicago, includes the four principal addresses by Herbert Brucker, Paul Bixler, Miriam Putnam, and Eleanor Phinney as well as reports of discussion groups, a digest of the final session, and excerpts from existing public library book selection statements. Also included are the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read statement, and several bibliographies. Also listed are libraries that have book selection policy statements which are available on loan from the ALA Headquarters Library.

Ben Franklin's Anniversary

A resolution concerning the international celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Birth of Benjamin Franklin, January 17, 1956, which was approved by the ALA Council, concluded "... that ALA and libraries throughout America join in the observance ... by whatever celebrations they deem appropriate for the occasion."

A number of events are planned for January and also throughout the year by the Franklin celebration committee and by many organizations cooperating in the observance. The celebration and events provide many opportunities during 1956 for activities, exhibits, announcements and other publicity which would promote library resources in the wide variety of fields in which Benjamin Franklin was distinguished.

A number of informative pamphlets on Franklin and the celebration are available from: 250th Anniversary Committee, The Franklin Institute, 20th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Leadership Training Awards

The Fund for Adult Education is offering for 1956-1957 approximately twenty grants to individuals for practical experience, university study, or combinations of the two, in liberal adult education. The objective is the improvement and advancement of leadership in liberal education for adults.

Each applicant is asked to propose the program he or she desires to follow. Each award will be in an amount adequate for the recipient to accomplish the program of training and education for which the grant is made. Grants will vary greatly in amount.

A national selection committee appointed by the Fund for Adult Education will choose applicants to whom awards will be made.

All inquiries, requests for applications and other communications should be addressed to LEADERSHIP TRAINING AWARDS, THE FUND FOR ADULT EDUCATION, 141 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Illinois.


Mrs. MacBean Joins Spencer Press

Mississippi librarians who heard Mrs. Dilla MacBean speak to the Mississippi Association of School Librarians at the MEA meeting last March will be interested in this announcement released for the Spencer Press:

Mrs. Dilla MacBean has just been appointed Library Consultant for Spencer Press, Inc., of Chicago.

Mrs. MacBean, who recently retired as Director of Libraries for the Chicago Board of Education, has long been identified with school libraries, and is presently serving as President of the American Association of School Librarians, a Division of the American Library Association. She is an author in both the book and periodical field, and has served on library school faculties of several universities and teachers' colleges.

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	County	City	Total Incl. Gifts and Fines	Assessed Valuation County '54	Salaries	Books & Periodicals	Total Incl. operating expenses	Owned	*Circulation		Registration	
Montgomery—Winona	780.00	458.00	1,652.00	7,011.603	1,300.00	405.00	1,838.00	8,047	9,832	700	.11	14,470
Neshoba—Philadelphia	600.00	600.00	1,454.00	7,119.439	1,800.00	167.00	1,967.00	1,055	17,230	659	.05	25,730
Neshoba—Vernon	600.00	2,500.00	2,501.68	8,268.968	1,300.00	659.61	2,577.74	6,379	9,726	647	.11	30,055
Neshoba—Vicksburg	600.00	2,500.00	2,501.68	8,268.968	1,300.00	294.00	2,184.00	13,438	17,230	647	.11	30,055
Oktibbeha—Starkville	600.00	300.00	2,146.00	9,857.510	1,362.00	1,043.21	2,700.77	7,165	13,438	1,842	.04	24,560
Pearl River—Piquette	150.00	2,400.00	2,950.38	12,777.739	1,362.00	1,043.21	2,700.77	6,389	13,438	1,842	.04	24,560
Pearl River—Poplarville	450.00	300.00	950.00	12,777.739	450.00	175.00	945.00	6,389	9,300	1,043	.19	20,641
Pike—McComb	300.00	1,625.00	2,663.67	5,782.015	1,540.00	723.61	2,362.61	16,296	18,792	4,012	(City)	10,255
Pontotoc—Pontotoc	558.00	1,625.00	6,770.00	14,500.915	3,145.00	1,841.00	5,986.00	5,384	61,310	3,031	.34	19,984
Quitman—Marks	500.00	380.00	1,560.00	14,500.915	890.00	927.15	1,698.65	4,123	5,140	—	.06	25,385
Shannon—Lumberton	4,900.00	3,000.00	9,700.00	27,253.853	5,880.00	1,450.00	9,130.00	14,754	73,258	—	.17	56,081
Union—New Albany	10,800.00	3,000.00	10,800.80	13,243.200	4,488.60	3,913.28	10,420.53	17,653	63,568	—	.39	30,486
Union—New Albany	6,877.00	720.00	7,622.38	7,626.287	3,600.00	2,260.98	6,691.64	16,106	50,400	4,953	.06	15,563
Walsh—Tylertown	480.00	420.00	925.00	7,886.524	480.00	112.00	1,012.00	2,980	12,985	901	.06	15,563
Warren—Vicksburg	5,000.00	9,540.00	17,051.00	35,145.725	10,707.00	3,494.00	16,126.00	29,630	65,051	4,833	.46	39,616
Washington—Greenville	4,599.96	18,000.00	23,681.62	45,550.987	12,394.97	4,530.81	21,842.69	22,210	60,542	7,274	.34	70,504
Washington—Leland	1,000.00	600.00	1,876.47	10,265.914	1,300.00	282.00	1,885.80	3,969	9,435	383	.14	22,331
Winston—Louisville	2,200.00	600.00	3,000.00	10,265.914	1,320.00	800.00	3,092.00	5,940	12,864	3,363	.23	35,712
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DeSoto, Lafayette, Panola, Tate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.40	80,034
Northeast Region—Corinth	24,540.00	3,000.00	31,756.00	28,630.078	21,483.00	5,600.00	31,756.00	30,555	137,778	2,888	.68	54,300
(Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.68	54,300
Tombigbee Region—West Point	18,778.60	5,700.00	37,313.00	24,712.012	16,307.00	6,213.00	26,291.00	—	83,160	—	.68	54,300
(Clay, Monroe)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.68	54,300
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